

California Child Welfare Services
Outcome & Accountability County Data Report
(Child Welfare Supervised Caseload)
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Quarterly Outcome and Accountability County Data Reports published by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provide summary level Federal and State program measures that will serve as the basis for the county self-assessment reviews and be used to track State and county performance over time. It is important that counties not draw comparisons to performance in other counties or even the State as a whole due to the differences in demographics, resources, and practice. The intent of the new system is for each county, through their self-assessment review based on their data, to determine the reasons for their current level of performance and to develop a plan for measurable improvement.

Assembly Bill (AB) 636 requires a series of measures that provide indicators of key program outcomes, processes, and receipt of critical services. The outcome measures are also, at a minimum, consistent with those outcomes of the federal Child and Family Services Review in that the federal indicators are a subset of the State's indicators under this new system. Under the new Outcomes and Accountability System it is expected that the state will not only improve its performance on the federal indicators but on an even broader set of state enhanced indicators. The data in this report focuses on critical safety, stability, family, and well-being measures that are currently available, and that are provided to counties for on-going assessment of their programs' performance. **New data are added and some old data have been updated in this report. The data in this report reflect the Original outcomes for data available through July 1, 2005. We have also included Updated (refreshed) data for some time periods, run on data from more recent extracts than those that were originally posted. Differences between the Original and Updated values for these measures are probably due to data cleanup efforts in some counties. Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) included in this document direct the viewer to summary data across counties and breakouts by age, race, gender, and over time, including refreshed data for time periods earlier than those included in this report for all UCB developed measures.** This Outcome and Accountability County Data Report will provide the state with a county-by-county detailed description of each element that comprises the service delivery system.

The data source for these reports is the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS), which became fully operational in all 58 counties on December 31, 1997. Counties are responsible for inputting data on CWS/CMS as part of their process to manage their caseloads of children and families who receive child welfare services. The accuracy of the information derived from CWS/CMS is continuously improving. As with any large automation system it provides a broad range of challenges and benefits as it continues to undergo improvements to keep abreast of the changing child welfare system.

Comparison of data across counties should be done with caution. First, counties may have different data management practices. Though data are recorded on one statewide database system (CWS/CMS), differences in data entry and update may influence outcome measures reported here. Second, the social and economic contexts within which child welfare services are provided vary widely among the 58 counties of California.

In this report data measures have been grouped into the four general categories of information: Child Welfare Services Participation Rates; Safety Outcomes; Permanency Outcomes; and Child and Family Well-Being Outcomes. The data for these categories are presented as follows:

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PARTICIPATION RATES

This section provides data on the number, and number per 1,000 children in the county/state, for key child welfare indicators. It is intended as background information to assist your county in analyzing your county's performance by the outcome indicators. This section was developed by the University of California, Berkeley (UCB).

Number of children < 18 in population

Population projections from California Department of Finance (based on the 2000 U.S. Census).

URL: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Referrals/rates.asp#countyrate>

Year	Number
2004	7,887
2003	7,829
2002	7,866

Number and rate of children with referrals

Unduplicated count of child clients < age 18 in referrals during the indicated year, per 1,000 children < age 18 in population.

URL: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Referrals/rates.asp#countyrate>

Year	Number	Rate	
		Original	Updated
2004	795	100.8 per 1,000	--
2003	732	93.8 per 1,000	93.5 per 1,000
2002	711	90.8 per 1,000	90.4 per 1,000

Number and rate of children with substantiated referrals

Unduplicated count of child clients < age 18 in referrals during the indicated year that had substantiated allegations, per 1,000 children < age 18 in population.

URL: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Referrals/rates.asp#countyrate>

Year	Number	Rate	
		Original	Updated
2004	191	24.2 per 1,000	--
2003	227	28.7 per 1,000	29.0 per 1,000
2002	179	22.9 per 1,000	22.8 per 1,000

Number and rate of first entries

Unduplicated count of children < age 18 entering a child welfare supervised placement episode of at least five days duration for the first time during the indicated year, per 1,000 children < age 18 in population.

URL: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Cohorts/firstentries/Rates.asp>

Year	Number	Rate	
		Original	Updated
2004	51	6.5 per 1,000	--
2003	53	7.2 per 1,000	6.8 per 1,000
2002	26	3.3 per 1,000	3.3 per 1,000

Number and rate of children in care

Number of children < age 19 in child welfare supervised foster care on the indicated date, per 1,000 children < age 19 in population.

URL: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Pointintime/fostercare/childwel/prevalence.asp>

Date	Number	Rate	
		Original	Updated
Jul 1, 2005	91	10.9 per 1,000	--
Jul 1, 2004	89	10.6 per 1,000	--
Jul 1, 2003	70	9.3 per 1,000	8.4 per 1,000

SAFETY OUTCOMES

These measures are designed to reflect the effectiveness of efforts to protect children from abuse/neglect by reporting instances of abuse and neglect at various stages of child welfare services and process measures which reflect the frequency of social worker contact with children and the speed of face-to-face investigation of abuse/neglect allegations.

Recurrence of Maltreatment (1A and 1B)

This measure reflects the percent of children who were victims of child abuse/neglect with a subsequent substantiated report of abuse/neglect within specific time periods. It is both a state and federal outcome measure. This measure was developed by UCB.

Federal: Of all children with a substantiated allegation within the first six months of the 12-month study period, what percent had another substantiated allegation within six months? (limited to dispositions within the study year, according to federal guidelines).

URL: http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/cfsrdata/standards/cfsr_recurrence.asp

1A. Percent recurrence of maltreatment (Fed)		
12-month study period	Original	Updated
07/01/04-06/30/05	5.6%	--
04/01/04-03/31/05	10.4%	--
01/01/04-12/31/04	9.0%	--
10/01/03-09/30/04	7.5%	--
07/01/03-06/30/04	11.8%	--
04/01/03-03/31/04	14.0%	14.0%
01/01/03-12/31/03	9.7%	9.7%
10/01/02-09/30/03	8.3%	8.3%
07/01/02-06/30/03	15.9%	15.9%

State: Of all children with a substantiated referral during the 12-month study period, what percent had a subsequent substantiated referral within 12 months?

URL: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Referrals/recurrence.asp>

1B. Percent recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months		
12-month study period	Original	Updated
07/01/03-06/30/04	13.7%	--
04/01/03-03/31/04	15.2%	--
01/01/03-12/31/03	14.4%	--
10/01/02-09/30/03	17.7%	--
07/01/02-06/30/03	20.7%	--
04/01/02-03/31/03	19.9%	19.9%
01/01/02-12/31/02	20.9%	20.9%
10/01/01-09/30/02	17.0%	17.0%
07/01/01-06/30/02	13.9%	13.9%

State: Of all children with a **first** substantiated referral during the 12-month study period, what percent had a subsequent substantiated referral within 12 months?

URL: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Referrals/recurrence.asp>

1B. Percent recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months after first substantiated allegation		
12-month study period	Original	Updated
07/01/03-06/30/04	13.2%	--
04/01/03-03/31/04	12.1%	--
01/01/03-12/31/03	11.3%	--
10/01/02-09/30/03	12.2%	--
07/01/02-06/30/03	11.5%	--
04/01/02-03/31/03	11.2%	11.2%
01/01/02-12/31/02	11.7%	12.0%
10/01/01-09/30/02	9.0%	9.2%
07/01/01-06/30/02	6.6%	6.7%

Rate of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (1C)

This measure reflects the percent of children in foster care who are abused or neglected while in foster care placement (currently limited due to data constraints to children in foster or FFA homes). This data was developed by UCB. It is a federal outcome measure.

For all children in county supervised or Foster Family Agency child welfare supervised foster care during the nine-month review period (timeframe established according to federal guidelines), what percent had a substantiated allegation by a foster parent during that time?

URL: http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/cfsrdata/standards/cfsr_abuse.asp

1C. Percent rate of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care (Fed)		
Nine-month review period	Original	Updated
10/01/04-06/30/05	0.00%	--
07/01/04-03/31/05	0.00%	--
04/01/04-12/31/04	0.00%	--
01/01/04-09/30/04	0.00%	--
10/01/03-06/30/04	0.00%	--
07/01/03-03/31/04	0.00%	0.00%
04/01/03-12/31/03	0.00%	0.00%
01/01/03-09/30/03	0.00%	0.00%
10/01/02-06/30/03	0.00%	0.00%

Rate of Recurrence of Abuse and/or Neglect in Homes Where Children Were Not Removed (2A)

This measure reflects the occurrence of abuse and/or neglect of children who remain in their own homes. This data was developed by CDSS. It is a state outcome measure.

Of all the children with allegation (inconclusive or substantiated) during the 12-month study period who were not removed, what percent had a subsequent substantiated allegation within 12 months?

URL: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Ccfsr.asp#2A>

2A. Percent rate of recurrence of abuse/neglect in homes where children were not removed		
12-month study period	Original	Updated
07/01/03-06/30/04	7.1%	--
04/01/03-03/31/04	9.1%	--
01/01/03-12/31/03	12.1%	--
10/01/02-09/30/03	13.4%	--
07/01/02-06/30/03	15.4%	15.5%
04/01/02-03/31/03	17.7%	17.7%
01/01/02-12/31/02	17.6%	17.6%
10/01/01-09/30/02	17.2%	17.2%
07/01/01-06/30/02	14.6%	--

Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals with a Timely Response (2B)

This is a process measure designed to determine the percent of cases in which face-to-face contact with a child occurs, or is attempted, within the regulatory time frames in those situations in which a determination is made that the abuse or neglect allegations indicate significant danger to the child. This data was developed by CDSS. It is a state process measure.

Percent of investigated child abuse and neglect referrals in the study quarter that have resulted in an in-person investigation stratified by immediate response and ten-day referrals, for both planned and actual visits.

URL: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Ccfsr.asp#2B>

2B. Percent of child abuse/neglect referrals with a timely response				
	Immediate Response Compliance		10-Day Response Compliance	
	Original	Updated	Original	Updated
Q2 2005	100.0%	--	81.0%	--
Q1 2005	84.2%	--	84.9%	--
Q4 2004	100.0%	--	89.6%	--
Q3 2004	96.2%	--	85.9%	--
Q2 2004	91.7%	91.7%	82.4%	85.3%
Q1 2004	95.0%	95.0%	84.9%	87.1%
Q4 2003	93.8%	93.8%	81.0%	81.0%
Q3 2003	100.0%	100.0%	90.4%	90.6%
Q2 2003	96.8%	--	93.3%	--

Timely Social Worker Visits With Child (2C)

This is a process measure designed to determine if social workers are seeing the children on a monthly basis when that is required. Children for whom a determination is made that monthly visits are not necessary (e.g. valid visit exception) are not included in this measure. This data was developed by CDSS. It is a state process measure. This report is based on CWS/CMS only. (Other data analysis measurements such as the SafeMeasures application may provide different results.)

Of all children who required a monthly social worker visit, how many received a monthly visit?

URL: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Ccfsr.asp#2C>

2C. Percent of timely social worker visits with child ¹						
	Original	Updated	Original	Updated	Original	Updated
Q2 2005	Apr 2005		May 2005		Jun 2005	
	87.2%	--	85.4%	--	85.9%	--
Q1 2005	Jan 2005		Feb 2005		Mar 2005	
	82.4%	--	84.4%	--	84.5%	--
Q4 2004	Oct 2004		Nov 2004		Dec 2004	
	93.7%	--	91.3%	--	91.1%	--
Q3 2004	Jul 2004		Aug 2004		Sep 2004	
	88.8%	--	89.2%	--	89.4%	--
Q2 2004	Apr 2004		May 2004		June 2004	
	86.7%	85.9%	87.6%	87.4%	87.6%	87.6%
Q1 2004	Jan 2004		Feb 2004		Mar 2004	
	82.2%	82.2%	83.7%	84.2%	84.0%	84.0%
Q4 2003	Oct 2003		Nov 2003		Dec 2003	
	72.8%	72.8%	74.1%	74.1%	75.4%	75.4%
Q3 2003	Jul 2003		Aug 2003		Sep 2003	
	70.6%	--	73.0%	--	73.5%	--
Q2 2003	Apr 2003		May 2003		Jun 2003	
	77.8%	--	78.7%	--	81.0%	--

¹ Updates to the measure 2C code beginning in Quarter 4, 2004 resulted in a small jump in the percentages from Quarter 3, 2004 to Quarter 4, 2004.